



Lilac Class

Class Newsletter - Summer 2



Welcome back to the final half term, Lilac class! We are very proud of the motivated and focussed way you undertook your SATs tests - we know everyone did their very best! Well done to you all for your hard work leading up to these tests. This half term, transition will be a major focus in many of our lessons and activities as you prepare to leave us and head off to secondary school. We have much to enjoy before you go though, including: a talk from Chris Lubbe, an inspirational speaker, our trip to Harlow Outdoors and of course, our year 6 production of Rock Bottom! We are looking forward to spending this last half term with you!

Maths: We will be looking at data and interpreting its different representations, as well as looking at algebra and sequences. We will also have opportunities to consider financial maths and practical maths for the real world.

PSHE The focus of our PSHE lessons this term is on 'Changing Me' where we will be thinking about how we have changed since we were a baby and how we will continue to change as we grow, how babies are made and how to manage our self-esteem. We are still considering The Zones of Regulation, to remind us of strategies for mindfulness and emotional awareness; to help with recognising emotions and build resilience and healthy connections with others.

Further Curriculum

In our history topic of 'Local Area' we will look at our local area specifically, how it has changed over time and what important historical aspects we can discover! We will combine this with geographical studies of our surrounding area, drawing links and comparisons across Bishops Stortford.

In Art, we will be studying how to create illusions using different perspectives and techniques.

In Computing, we will continue our coding unit, before learning how to create quizzes in our 'Networks' and 'Quizzing' topics, using the 2Quiz program on Purple Mash.

In music, following our topic 'Music in Me', we will finish the year by consolidating our Year 6 learning in, 'Reflect, Rewind and Reply', appraising a different piece of music each lesson, looking at the history of music.

In French, our continuing theme is 'Me in My World' and we will be learning about the different French-speaking countries in the world and the different festivals that take place in these, before finishing with 'At School.'

RE: Our key question is, 'Does belief in the Akhirah help Muslims lead good lives?' We will be learning about what leading a good life means and how this is applied in the Muslim faith, offering plenty of opportunities for discussion about different actions and consequences.

Reminders

We now have a new PE uniform which consists of a red polo shirt with the Hillmead logo, replacing the white T-shirt which did not wear well. We ask that all children have one of these polo shirts in their kit from September 2024.

English

Following the completion of 'Suffragette', we will be studying a fantastically unique text called 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret.' This text combines words and pictures seamlessly to create a wonderfully engaging story. We will be writing reports about the birth of film, writing in character through diary entries as Hugo and writing newspaper articles.

We will finish our Guided Reading text of 'After the War' and then move on to studying 'Coraline' through which we are developing our key reading skills of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and sequencing, but this time using film.

Grammar and spelling have a high profile, with the learning and application of key skills taught every lesson, looking at skills in context and how they help shape our writing.

Science Our science topic this term is 'Healthy Bodies.' We will start by finding out about the first clinical trial, before thinking about the different food groups and how their nutrients are transported around the body. We will then look closely at what happens to our heart and muscles during exercise.

PE with Mr. Webb will be on a Thursday We have swimming for three weeks on a Monday morning and then PE with Mrs Kelly every Monday afternoon.

As we move through the term, please ensure your child has **black jogging bottoms and a black jumper, as well as black shorts, a white t-shirt and a hat**, to cover all 'British Summer' weather possibilities.

Year 6 Play: We hope you are looking forward to our production of 'Rock Bottom', on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th of July. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Homework

Homework will be available on a Thursday and is due in on the following Thursday. Homework tasks will be completed online alongside daily reading. Whilst pupils are completing their tasks, please be mindful of their online activity and ensure appropriate measures are in place to keep your child safe online. We will use the following programs to set homework: Mathletics, Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed. Reading will continue to have a high profile this year - please make sure your child is **reading regularly at home**. Reading records will be checked at least once a week. School books can be changed when needed and children are encouraged to also read a book of their choice from our class bookshelf or one they have brought in from home.

Finally, please do not hesitate to speak to me before or after school, or send an email at: admin@hillmead.herts.sch.uk if you have any questions. Please also check Class Dojo for reminders and celebrations! Thank you.